

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2-4, 11, 14, 15, and 17-21 will be pending in the application. Claims 5-10, 22-93 have been cancelled herein without prejudice. Claim 2 has been amended herein to be rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 91. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicants note with thanks the indications in the Office Action of December 3, 2009 that claims 2-4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and that claims 11, 14-15, and 17-21 are allowed.

This Amendment after the Final Office Action of December 3, 2009 is made to cancel claims 5-10 and 22-93 and to rewrite claim 2 in independent form, incorporating all of the limitations of claim 91, as suggested by the Final Office Action. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1), which permits an amendment after final action "canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office action."

In view of the present amendment canceling all rejected claims, the rejections in the Office Action of December 3, 2009 are rendered moot. The objection to claims 2-4 has been overcome by rewriting claim 2 in independent form.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully believed that the rejections in the Final Office Action of December 3, 2009 have been overcome and that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would help expedite the successful prosecution of the claims, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

The fee for a one-month extension of time is submitted herewith. No additional fee is believed to be due in connection with this response; however, should a fee be required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 08-0219, under our order number 0112903.00128US2.

Respectfully submitted,

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